



By the King.

**A Proclamation to inhibit the Sale of Latine  
Bookes reprinted beyond the Seas, hauing been first  
Printed in Oxford or Cambridge.**



Hereas, for preuenting the common errors of the Presse, which haue heretofore happened in Printing the Bookes and Workes written in Latine, for the publike aduancement of Religion, and Learning in Our Uniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge, there hath been for many yeeres a speciall Printer allowed & authorised at either of Our said Uniuersities, that the Authoꝛs of those Bookes, being themselves at hand to take care of ouerseeing the Print, might send forth their Workes in their owne originall purity, without corruptions and blemishes of misprinting; we are now informed by the humble petitions of the Chancellors, Masters, and Students of both Our said Uniuersities, That diuers Bookes of that kinde, after they haue bene well and carefully first printed heere, in good Paper, and with good Letters, haue bene afterwarde in the parts beyond the Seas reprinted very erroneous, and sent backe from thence into this Our Kingdome of England, and Dominion of Wales, and vented here as true Copies, at lower Rates, in respect of the basenesse of the Paper and Print, then the Originalls here can be afforded; whereby the Authoꝛs haue bene inforced to disclaime their owne Workes so reprinted, the first Printers much impouerished, and Our owne people much abused in laying out their Moneys vpon falsified or erroneous Copies: the ill consequence whereof hath not only discouraged many of our louing Subiects, (good Schollers of both Uniuersities) from publishing in Print, diuers good and vscfull Bookes of Latine, by them prepared for aduancement of good Letters, and the truth of Religion; But hath also disabled the Printers to vndertake the charge of the Presse for publishing of the same, till some other course bee taken for preuenting the like abuse in time to come.





wee therefore, out of our princely care hereof, as of a matter concerning Our owne Honour, and the publique good of Our Subjects, have thought fit, (by, and with the advice of Our private Counsell) by this our Proclamation, straitly to charge and command, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soever he be, doe presume from henceforth to bring into any Our Dominions for sale, or vent, or put to sale, vpon any pretence whatsoever, any Latine Anthems, Booke or Bookes, printed in any the parts beyond the Seas, which have been, or shall be formerly and originally printed in either of Our said Universities of Oxford or Cambridge, vpon paine of Our high indignation and displeasure, and confiscation of the Bookes so brought over, or offered to be put to sale, and of such further penalties and punishments, as the contempt of this Our Royall commandement shall be found to deseruit: And that no person or persons, vnder the like paines and penalties, doe presume to buy any such Booke or Bookes so reprinted in the parts beyond the Seas, so long as the said Booke or Bookes of the print of either of Our said Universities shall be of ordinary sale. And to the end it may appeare what reprinted Bookes we intend by this Our Proclamation to prohibite the buying or sale of, we doe hereby require and command the Printers of both Our said Universities, within one moneth next comming, to cause Certificate to be made vnder the hands of the Vice Chancellors of Our said Universities respectively, and deliuered to the Master and Wardens of the Company of Stationers London, for the time being, of all such Bookes originally printed at either of Our said Universities already extant, and in ordinary sale; And to cause like monethly Certificate to be made of all such other Bookes, as shall be hereafter from time to time originally printed there.

Giuen at Our Court at S. Iames, the first day of April, in the first yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.  
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